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**THOMAS E. CHANDLER NAMED CHIEF OF CGB'S DISABILITY RIGHTS OFFICE;  
CHERYL J. KING NAMED DEPUTY CHIEF;  
PAM GREGORY TO BECOME SPECIAL ADVISOR**

Washington, DC -- Thomas E. Chandler has been named Chief of the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau's Disability Rights Office (DRO). Cheryl J. King has been named to the new position of Deputy Chief of the Office. Former DRO Chief Pam Gregory will become a special advisor to the chief.

DRO initiates and implements policy, monitors the effects of telecom policy on the disability community and makes recommendations based on its findings. At the time the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau was reorganized in March of this year, DRO's policy-making function was significantly expanded.

Chandler had been an attorney in the Litigation Division of the FCC'S Office of General Counsel. Before coming to the FCC, he was an attorney in the Appellate Section of the Civil Rights Division at the Department of Justice. While at Justice, Chandler briefed and argued civil rights cases on behalf of the United States in the United States Courts of Appeals and also assisted in drafting briefs for the Supreme Court. He was directly involved in a number of major cases involving the Americans with Disabilities Act, including Martin v. PGA Tour, Inc. and Bragdon v. Abbott.

King has been an attorney-advisor with the Commission since 1997, serving in the former Cable Services Bureau on pole attachment rulemaking and enforcement. She has been with DRO since July, 2002. Ms. King has extensive experience working in Congress on disability, women's and social policy issues, as legislative and political staff person for four United States Senators and, most recently, as legislative director for a ranking member of the House Commerce Committee. She has a long history of advocacy and dedication to disability issues. From 1992-1994, King was Assistant Secretary for the Office of Planning, Innovation and Government Relations in the Indiana Family & Social Services Administration (IFSSA), the state agency that administers Federal and state programs for people with disabilities. She has been a speech, hearing and language therapist in public schools and in private pediatric and geriatric therapy. She is the mother of a special needs child.

Pam Gregory, who has served as DRO chief since its inception in 1999, requested to step down from her supervisory responsibilities but to continue working in DRO in a different capacity. She will be a special advisor to the chief.

K. Dane Snowden, Chief of the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau, said, "On behalf of the Commission, I thank Pam Gregory for her outstanding leadership of DRO since the Office was created. During her tenure as chief, the Disability Rights Office grew from a task force to a driving force. Given her institutional knowledge and expertise, I am delighted that Pam will continue to serve within DRO.

"I am also delighted to have Tom and Cheryl accept the baton to lead our very active Disability Rights Office. Tom's extensive background in civil rights law and Cheryl's experience with disabilities issues at both the state and federal levels, as well as their strong personal commitment to protecting the rights of people with disabilities, will be tremendous assets to DRO."

Chandler clerked for then-Chief Judge Pierce Lively at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. He received a J.D. with honors and an LL.M. with highest honors from the National Law Center, George Washington University, Washington, DC, and a B.B.A. with high distinction from the School of Business Administration, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI. He has also taught law at the National Law Center and at the University of Kentucky College of Law.

King is a graduate of Columbus School of Law, Catholic University of America, Washington, DC, and Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN. From 1987-1991 she practiced administrative law in Tampa, Florida with the law firm of Fowler, White, Gillen, Boggs, Villareal and Banker.